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Commissioner Meredith Atwell Baker
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: MB DOCKET NO. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

On behalf of the National Hockey League ("NHL"), I am writing to express the NHL's support for this transaction.¹ The NHL has long-standing business relationships with both Comcast Corporation ("Comcast") and NBC Universal ("NBC") and has nothing but the utmost respect for both parties.

The NHL has a long and multifaceted relationship with Comcast and has developed a deep trust and admiration for the company and its leaders. In all the NHL's business dealings with Comcast, including numerous difficult negotiations, Comcast has been fair and honorable and has worked cooperatively to resolve any and all various conflicting interests to arrive at mutually beneficial agreements.

Without question, Comcast is a valued business partner, customer and licensee of the NHL. Comcast Spectacor is the current owner of the Philadelphia Flyers, a highly successful NHL franchise, and the Wachovia Center, the Flyers' home arena. The Flyers have been and continue to be a model franchise, with Comcast Spectacor a model owner. Comcast also holds a minority, non-controlling stake in the NHL Network and has been instrumental in the development and expansion of the NHL Network's audience.

¹ The NHL has no financial or other interest in Comcast or the proposed Comcast-NBC Universal venture.

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Perhaps most importantly, Versus, Comcast's sports-programming cable network, has been the NHL's primary national cable television provider since 2005. Versus was particularly valuable to the NHL coming out of the NHL's work stoppage in 2005, and in the last five years, Versus has been a tremendous business partner and has made considerable efforts and investments to improve the quality and quantity of its NHL coverage. That commitment is clearly reflected in Versus' increased carriage and the NHL's increased ratings. Along with Versus' NHL programming, Comcast also distributes NHL hockey through four of its Regional Sports Networks, including CSN California, CSN Chicago, CSN Philadelphia and CSN Washington (f/k/a CSN Mid-Atlantic).

In addition to its dealings with Comcast, the NHL also has an established relationship with NBC, which serves as the NHL's national broadcast television provider. Much like Comcast, NBC has been a valuable and reliable business partner, helping to grow the NHL and the game of hockey and to bring our great sport to millions of viewers nationwide.

In all, both Comcast and NBC have proven to be fair, trustworthy and supportive business partners and have played integral roles in the increased popularity and success of the NHL. The NHL looks forward to working with Comcast and NBC in the future.

Sincerely,


Gary B. Bettman
Commissioner